VPS Consulting Memo

NEW: Supply Chain Data Collection (SCDC) Annual Report Due

ALL BROADBAND PROVIDERS MUST FILE BY MAY 5, 2022.

Background

The Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 established the requirement for providers of Advanced Communications Services to report and certify annually information regarding purchasing, renting or leasing any equipment from the FCC's <u>covered list</u> of equipment or services that are deemed to pose a threat to national security interests.

Who Must File the Report?

All providers of Advanced Communication Services. These <u>services</u> are defined as any high-speed, switched, broadband telecommunications capability that enables users to originate and receive high-quality voice, data, graphics, and video telecommunications using any technology with connection speeds of at least 200 kbps in either direction.

NOTE: This is a <u>new</u> information collection, past participation in the 2019 Supply Chain Information Collection does not constitute compliance with this reporting requirement.

How is the Report Completed?

The report is completed in the FCC's Supply Chain Annual Reporting System using CORES login credentials which consists of an email address for the username and the associated password (same login credentials as the FCC Form 477 portal). Filers with multiple subsidiaries or affiliated entities are encouraged to file a single, consolidated Supply Chain Annual Report. After completion of corporation information, answer the following question appropriately:

"Have you purchased, leased or otherwise obtained communications equipment or services that is included on the Covered List developed per 47 CFR § 1.50002 on or after August 14, 2018 or within 60 days after the date on which the Commission places such equipment or service on the list per 47 CFR § 1.50003?"

Answer = Yes

Service providers who answer yes to this question will have additional questions and information to provide, such as <u>name and location of covered equipment</u>, <u>make/model</u>, <u>manufacturer</u>, <u>purchase date</u>, <u>estimated replacement cost and removal plan</u>, <u>etc.</u> The additional questions are quite involved and will take time and effort to complete, therefore it's important to begin the process as quickly as possible.

Answer = No

Service providers who answer no simply complete the Certification and Submission Statement to finalize the report and receive a confirmation email.

When is the Report Due?

All providers of Advanced Communication Services must file the report by May 5, 2022, 11:59pm ET.

Providers that answered yes:

Must submit updated subsequent annual reports by March 31 with data as of December 31 of the prior year.

Providers that answered no:

Do not have any further reporting requirements <u>unless</u> they purchase, rent, or otherwise obtain covered equipment and services or are in possession of covered equipment or services that are subsequently added to the Covered List.

Additional Information

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